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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON POST REPORT ON GARBA PRESS CONFERENCE

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1. UPON RECEIPT REFTEL, AMBASSADOR IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED FONMIN BANDA AT HOME AND GAVE HIM CATEGORIC REASSURANCES OF UNCHANGED US POLICY ON ANGOLA, ATTITUDE TOWARD MPLA, AND CONCERNS ABOUT SOVIET/CUBAN INTERVENTION. BANDA EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR PROMPT EXPLANATION. OTHERWISE, HE SAID, US POLICY COULD EASILY BE MISINTERPRETED BY SUCH STATEMENTS AS THAT MADE BY NIGERIAN COMMISSIONER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS GARBA.

2. BANDA POINTED OUT THAT ZAMBIAN POLICY TOWARD ANGOLA IS IDENTICAL TO THAT OF US IN "HAVING NOTHING AGAINST MPLA PER SE" AND IN DESIRE THAT ALL FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA END.

3. BANDA AGREED TO SEE ME MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10 FOR DE-BRIEFING ON FOUR-POWER MEETING AT QUELIMANE WHICH HE ATTENDED WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA FEBRUARY 7-8 AND WHICH ALSO ATTENDED BY PRESIDENTS OF TANZANIA, BOTSWANA, AND MOZAMBIQUE.

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